The Views of a Medical Man on the Subject.

The Rev. Dr. Talmage, of Brooklyn, Felt the Need of Knowing the Sins of His People -- How Catholics are Taught Properly to Confess

A church without the confessional is like a hospital without doctors, writes "A Catholic Medical Man" in the Liverpool "Catholic Times." Allow me to explain why. The doctors are the preservers and executors of all that vast store of knowledge which as come down to us, ever increasing, from before the days of Hippocrates. The medical text-books used in, and the lectures delivered at, our medical schools are the resultant of numberless observations and confidences reposed in countless doctors from the earliest times. Observation is strengthened and corrected by confidence and and truthful reply to wise and necessary questions. That there must be confidence and full rational disclosure is evident from the way in which disease is caused and complicated by error, or family history, or suspicious circumstances. That medical men may dishonorably abuse this confidence to their own advantage or the injury of their patient is, of course, possible with free agents, but no valid reason against the justness and general necessity of the whole medical profession. It would be as reasonable to take away remedies because they can be used to destroy life. The medical profession has its own preservative etiquette, and provides against dishonorable conduct by rules, regulations, oaths and laws made and enacted in the various medical societies, colleges and universities, and in the General Medical Council of this realm. The fact then stands that the patien tmust truthfully state his case for his own personal benefit. That case becomes part of the sum of the doctor's experience from which many other patients derive benefit. It passes into the hands of the profession at large through discussions, lectures, journais and text books, where it is thoroughly sifted, and if found worthy of permanent record is preserved for the benefit of suffering humanity.

The philosophy involved in medical case-taking holds good but in a far higher degree of the system of the Confessional. Casuistry, or the science of solving the right and wrong of given cases, has been decried and written down until the name has come to signify ingenious fine-spun sophistry. But look at the question broadly. Where would medicine be without the science of medical diagnosis. which enables the physician to determine and discriminate between diseases resembling each other. Casuistry is diagnosis applied to sin and crime, and is as necessary for the confessor as medical diagnosis is for the physician. Sin and crime are everywhere. In their grosser forms they undermine society and cause loss. injury, disease and death. Sir Thomas Crawford, K. C. B., M. D., when addressing the Sanitary Congress recently held at Brighton, pointed out that "the violation of the moral law in such matters as temperance and chastity stood prominently forward as a fruitful source of disease." All these violations cause frightful complications which crop up in the most unexpected places, not unfrequently involving the innocent. The lead to states of mind which often end in serious crime, and little sins have farreaching consequences. Surely all this needs studying. These consequences are only discerned with special knowledge census return or on a certificate of The return of living ages

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uses with his own experience when administering the sacrament of Penance Dr. Talmago, ... tho well-known Baptist preacher, of Brooklyn, felt the need of knowing the sins of his people when he spent six nights visiting the haunts of vice in the great American city; and the experiences of these nights he published in six lectures. The Catholic Church does not publish her experience in the vulgar tongue because harm might be done, but she is ever gaining it all the same." In the confessional the Church generally gets a knowledge of all sin and new sins. The sinner better understands how bad sin is when he feels the difficulty of telling it. He gets advice how best to avoid relapse. He is made to repair the. evil he has done. With such a system there must be absolute confidence; and the Church not only binds the confessor by a sacred oath, but selects him for extreme zeal in the cause by debarring him from her ministry unless he remained celibate. There is no obligation that the penitent need in any way reveal his identity to the confessor, and all Catholics are taught properly how to confess. Every Catholic prayer-book contains instructions, from which I give this extract: "Let your confession be humble, with-

FOR ORPHANS.

The Mission of the Immaculate Virgin in New York.

It Was Founded in 1870 by Father Drum goole and is the Largest Institution of the Kind in that City-How Its Affairs Are Conducted.

"The Mission of the Immaculate Virgin'' was founded in 1870 by the Rev. Father Drumgoole, and is the largest institution of its kind in New York city. Its object is the protection of homeless Catholic children, to teach trades and to obtain homes for its inmates. The city institution is at Great Jones street and Lafayette place, and its country branch, which is at Pleasant Plains, Staten Island, is known as Mount Loretto. Some of the boys are employed ou the farm, others at tailoring, more in the printing office, and the remainder are ciphering out the usefulness of machine knitting.

There are at present 1,000 boys at Mount Loretto. The majority of all the inmates are committed by city judges and supported by the city funds. Others are received from all parts of the country, from California to Maine, and are supported by the private income of the Misdon. The magistrates committed to this derful degree of proficiency in evoluinstitution 814 destitute children during tion and was witnessed with pride the year 1889.

These little ones are generally found homes in different cities and States and the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin is as well if not better known outside of New York than in it.

Applications come to this mission from all over the universe for the adoption of children. When the application is received correspondence is at once started between the parish priest of the city in which ihe applicant lives and those in charge of the Mission. If the report is favorable and the persons are proved worthy and able to give the child all the Friday. Patrick Kennedy, who advantages of a good home they are advised of the date of the arrival of their

The little ones are conveyed once a year to their destination-by a gentleman employed for this purpose. Each child is met at the depot by those to whose care lesser habits of moral wrong-doing all it is to be consigned forever, and the train moves on dropping off at nearly every large sity one or more of these homeless little ones.

The society is very particular, and never loses track of a child, no matter in and experience. As an instance I may how good a home it has been placed. point out that to give a false age in the ! The families who have adopted these fittle ones are called upon yearly by some memdeath looks very small; but is it berof the Mission until the child has reached the age to be able to look after

Such great care and precaution is taken in giving out these children to reliable parties that the mission has had no reason for complaint.

The majority of these children are adopted by childless women in good circumstances, and in all cases the homes found for them are desirable ones. The right of inheritance is always given with these children, as is also their history. Persons adopting these little ones have nothing to fear from the parents of such child, should they have any living, but in most cases they are children who have been abandoned or orphaned.

Catholic Population of New England. The Catholic population of New Eng. land is nearly one-fifth in Maine, onethird in New Hampshire, one fourth in Vermont, two-fifths in Massachusetts, more than two-fifths in Rhode Island, and one-third in Connecticut.

The Bible in Iroquois.

Rev. N. V. Burton, the Oblate missionary at Caughnawaga, is about to publish a Bible in Iroquois, the translation having been made by himself.

DIOCESAN NEWS.

Dansville.

Miss Agnes Mitchell is visiting in Mt. Morris.

night of last week and proved to be a grand success, as was predicted. The contest between the C. M. B. A. and Total Abstinence Society for the picture of Father Day, was an exciting one and resulted in victory for the former. The picture was carried forthwith to the rooms of the proud winners. Wednesday evening, the drama "My Turn Next" was played, the participants being: W. A. Dowling, John O'Connor, Martin and James O'Hara, Mary A Welch and Kittie Dougherty. Thursday evening "The Jack Trust" was rendered in very fine manner. The following took part: W. A. Dowling, Misses Tess McNeil. Ella Rowan, Margaret Loftus, Minnie Sullivan, Sadie Daugherty. The parts were difficult, but were admirably sustained by all, and the young ladies and gentlemen won many well deserved compliments. Friday evening, Edw. J. and Miss Susie A. Burke, of Rochester, gave one of their highly pleasing entertainments. Burke's impersonations were irresistably funny, while Miss Burke's beautiful songs were highly appreciated. Miss Lillie Endress, Dansville's accomplished musician, presided at the piano.

Geneseo.

Frank J. Madden, of Rochester was guest of friend of friends here Sunday. . Mrs. J. Curry, nee Costello, who has been here since her father died, left Saturday for her home in N. Y. City. . The Geneseo Cornet band will give an entertainment and dance at Concert Hall Dec. 31st. Seneca Falls.

The Father Mathew Drill Corps gave one of their pleasant dancing parties and Exhibition drills at Johnson Opera house Wednesday evening his God, to be used as a warning to his of last week, and like everything they undertake it was a grand success. Their exhibition drill showed a wonand pleasure by the vast audience. Many were present from Auburn, Geneva and Waterloo. The boys have reason to be proud of the success of their ball.

Misses Alice Rogan and Mary Flanagan have returned from New York. Palmyra.

The death of Miss Mary Welch, who has been a long and patient sufferer. took place Nov. 26. Her remains were carried to their last resting place has been failing for a long time, expired Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Kennedy was an honest and upright citizen and his death will be mourned by all who knew him. His remains were interred Friday at 10 a.m. Fred Pinkney is slowly recovery from B. A., elected the following officers for her severe illness.

The dancing party of Newark C. B. L. Thanksgiving eve was a very pleasant affair. A large number were present, many being present from out of

The first entertainment of the Catholic Relief and Beneficiary Association was held on Monday evening of last week in the rooms of Branch 59. C. M. B. A. The rooms were crowded with friends of the new organization, who showed their appreciation of the programme by the applause with which they greeted nearly every number. Before the opening of the entertainment Thomas H. O'Neil, Supreme President, made a few remarks setting forth the advantages and benfits of the new association.

St. Joseph's Home was a scene of happiness on Thanksgiving night. As is customary the Young Ladies' Sodality of St. Marys church gave the orphans a supper and many grateful hearts were made happy.

The Young Ladies' Society of St. Alphonsus Church gave an oyster supper and entertainment at the German school on Franklin street, Thanksgiv. ing. It was a very pleasant affair and reflected great credit on the young ladies who had it in charge.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

M. J. Dwyer and Miss Addie Tinney were married at the Chnrch of our Lady of Victory Thanksgiving by Rev. A. A. Notebaert.

The Excelsior Fair closed Saturday Several young ladies will be re ceived into the Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Mary's church next Monday.

The Knights of St. John the Baptist will give a complimentary reception at the French Hall, on New Years

Holy Rosary Church.

A fair will be held in the new Church of the Holy Rosary in Glenwood next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday- A large number of donations have been received and the success of the affair is assured. Among others may be mentioned John Ö. King's gift of a handsome bedroom suite. A programme with a full list will be issued Tuesday.

Nazareth Reading Circle.

A general meeting of the Reading Circle of Nazareths Academy was held Wednesday evening. The programme was under the auspices of H. H. Craig. The authors for the evening Bishop Spaulding, Maurice F Egan, John Boyle O'Reilly and Louise Imogene Guiney.

Resolutions by Branch 88.

For the first time in the history of Branch 88, we find recorded opposite a member's name on our Roll Book that ominous word-dead.

The chain of frieneship which bound so closely together the members of this Branch is broken, and the link which we regarded the safest is missing.

Brother Garvey is no longer with us; nis friendly ways and earnest work will be missed in our meetings.

Brother Garvey was an example of perseverence-and integrity in a young man. He was a devoted son, a loving brother, and a true member of our association. His death will be a severe loss to his paents-his brother-and sisters, and we extend to them our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad affliction. While expressing our sorrow in the loss of Brother Garvey, we cannot help but feel that he was but an instrument in the hands of brother members of the fact that "In the midst of life we are in death," and to be T. W. ATKINSON. know not the hour nor the moment.

RESOLVED, that this expression Branch 88 on the death of Malachy Garvey be inscribed on our minutes, a copy sent to his sorrowing parents and publish ed in the official organs of the C.M.B.A. JAMES L. WHALEN, ALBERT E. LOIZ-

EAU, JOHN S. WOOCK, Committee. Election of Officers.

Corpus Christi Branch, No. 139, C. M. B. A., has elected officers as follows: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. J J Leary; Chancellor, Charles Crowley; President, Frank Carberry; 1st Vice-

President, Frank Ward; 2d Vice-President, L. A. Kemmer; Recording Sec., T. Fagan; Associate Rec. Sec., W. Burley; Financial Sec., T. J. Sullivan; Treas., M. McLoughlin; Marshal, John Sharkey; Guard, Robert Herbert; Trustees, Dr. J. H. McCort,

T. J. Haggerty.

St. Patrick's Branch, No. 88, C. M. the ensuing year at its meeting Dec. Sil: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. James P. KINDLING WOOD. TELEPHONE 390. Kiernan; Pres., Dr. James F. Crowley; let Vice-Pres., James F. Casey; 2d Vice-Pres., Cornelius O'Neil; Rec. Sec., John F. Casey; Asst. Rec. Sec. James L. Whalen; Finan. Sec., John A. Woock; Treas., Richard F. Noonan; Marshal, Michael Moore; Guard Jeremiah Breen; Trustees, James F Casey, James McCormick, Albert E. Loizeau; Chancellors, Jas. E. Whalen, Albert E. Loizeau, James McCormick.

LEGAL NOTICE.

THE People of the State of New York, by the Grace of God free and independent: To Michael Larkin, John Larkin, Roady Larkin, James Larkin, Michael Larkin and Maggie Larkin, next of kin, heirs at law, creditors and persons interested in the estate of Michael Larkin, tate of the City of Rochester, in the County of Monroe, deceased hereby cited and required to appear be-

fore the Surrogate of our County of Monroe, in the Surrogate Court, on the 21st day of January, 1891, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the Surrogate's office in the City of Rochester, then and there to attend the judicial settlement of the accounts of Bernard O'Reilly, as the administrator of the estate of said deceased. And if any of the the aforesaid persons are under the age of twenty-one years, they will please take notice that they are required to appear by their general guardian, if they have one, and if they have note that they appear and apply for the appointment of a special guardian, or in the event of their neglect or failure to do so, a special guardian will be appointed by the Surrogate to represent and act for them in the proceedings for the settlement of said estate.

of the Surrogate's Court of the county of Monroe, to be hereto affixed. Witness, lion. J. A. Adlington, Surrogate of said day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand sight hundred and sight. one thousand eight hundred and ninety. E. A. MARSH, Clerk Surrogate's Court. O'BRIEN & PAINE, Attorneys for Administra

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